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Introduced by Representatives Rachelson of Burlington, Brumsted of  
Shelburne, Condon of Colchester, Cupoli of Rutland City,  
Devereux of Mount Holly, Gamache of Swanton, Hooper of  
Brookfield, Juskiewicz of Cambridge, Kimbell of Woodstock,  
Lewis of Berlin, O’Sullivan of Burlington, Savage of Swanton,  
Sibilia of Dover, Sullivan of Dorset, Troiano of Stannard,  
Willhoit of St. Johnsbury, and Wright of Burlington

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Education; school districts; governance

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require the  
Secretary of Education to develop a detailed proposal to move the State to a  
single, statewide school district similar to the education governance model in  
Hawaii.

An act relating to creating a statewide school district

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. STATEWIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT; PROPOSAL; REPORT

(a) In order to maximize the ability to provide equitable educational  
opportunities to the State’s small, declining student population while also

1 minimizing administrative and overhead costs, the Secretary of Education shall  
2 develop a proposal by which the State shall transition to a single statewide  
3 school district. In developing the proposal, the Secretary shall consider the  
4 education governance model in Hawaii, including the positive and negative  
5 effects that transition to the model has had on educational opportunities,  
6 outcomes, and budgets in Hawaii and on the provision and funding of special  
7 education services in that state. The Secretary shall also investigate the need  
8 for waivers or other federal actions necessary to transition Vermont to a  
9 statewide school district.

10 (b) On or before January 15, 2018, the Secretary shall present a detailed  
11 proposal, including a timeline, to the House and Senate Committees on  
12 Education to transition the State to a single statewide school district by fiscal  
13 year 2022.

14 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

15 This act shall take effect on passage.